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# Parents: Classmates learn to understand and accept your child with new tool: *Kids Need to Know: Asperger Syndrome*

**Parents explain their child's unique behaviors to classmates, friends, & family.**

(FREDERICK, MD – September 2011) Ease tensions and promote acceptance between classmates and students with Asperger Syndrome with this parent approved classroom tool which educates students in an accessible, positive and impactful way.

"Kids with Asperger Syndrome struggle to 'make connections' because they tend to misread social cues. Others often find their behaviors to be odd. It is important to help peers understand the unique behavioral mannerisms that these kids often exhibit. Problem solving with the class will facilitate social communication and help classmates know how to respond to peers with Asperger Syndrome," said Barbara Luborsky, pediatric occupational therapist and co-author of *Kids Need to Know: Asperger Syndrome*.

Children with Asperger Syndrome are targeted by bullies at higher rates than their neuro-typical peers. Research shows that this approach will promote more positive attitudes and greater acceptance of children with Asperger Syndrome. Following use of the presentation in his 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class, 10 year old W.L. said, "The presentation must have worked, because everyone is a lot nicer, and they seem to 'get me' now."

**Kids Need to Know: Asperger Syndrome includes the Power Point presentation and:**

- A Parent Guide to help the user customize the presentation to explain the child's specific behaviors and needs.
- Instructions for working with the class to develop strategies to support better relationships in the classroom.
- A Script which provides clear and concise wording to be used with each slide.

Originally developed by Ruth Bielobocky, this presentation was used as a tool to tell her son's 6th grade classroom about Asperger Syndrome. Following the success he experienced after using the presentation, she worked with Barbara Luborsky, OTR/L, a pediatric occupational therapist and founder of Way to Grow, to write and edit the Script and the Parent Guide, and document validating research to support this approach.

Way to Grow specializes in addressing the unique needs of children. Ms. Luborsky has worked with children of all ages with various diagnoses including: autism/PDD, cerebral palsy, developmental delay, Down syndrome, learning disabilities, and sensory processing disorder. Way to Grow also provides consultative services for adults with developmental disabilities. Learn more at [www.way2grow.com](http://www.way2grow.com).

To purchase the presentation, parent guide and script for \$47.99, go to [www.Tools2growkids.com](http://www.Tools2growkids.com).

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